**(xxx) Need to improve telecommunication facilities in Agra, Mathura and Ferozabad districts, (U.P.)**

*[Translation]*

PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' (Jalesar) : Sir, the Department of Tele-communication is infested with several ills these days. Complaints to this effect are received all over the country. There is negligence, dishonesty and dereliction of duty prevalent in the telecommunication centres situated in Agra, Mathura and Ferozabad in Uttar Pradesh and among the personnel working in these centres Incharges, General Managers, Deputy General Managers, District Managers, Sub-divisional Officers and Commercial officers. No telephone connections are being given in city and rural areas without bribe. There are wide spread irregularities in the allotment of S.T.D. and P.C.Os. Despite Governments instructions, the Members are not being consulted nor are their letters being responded to.

I, through you, request the hon'ble Minister to get this matter investigated and punish the culprits and he should also safeguard the rights of the local people and also provide telecommunication facilities in these areas.

**(xxxi) Need to open a Central School in Chatra District (Bihar)**

SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL (Chatra) : Sir, the Chatra district in South Bihar which is the most backward district, is bereft of any educational facilities. There are no educational institutions in this district and as a result of it, there is resentment among the local people. This is also a very sensitive district from the law and order point of view.

Therefore, I request the Government to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Chatra district and necessary directives should be issued to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard.

**(xxxii) Need to prepare a Comprehensive Plan for Integrated Development of Saran (Bihar)**

*[English]*

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the district of Saran in Bihar has zero industrial growth since Independence and does not have any working industry in small, medium or large scale except one, located at Marhowrah. The cottage and handicraft industry is absent and there is no source of employment. The district is totally based on agriculture. Still, there is no agro-industrial or processed fruit or fruit production unit. The district has the lowest percentage of infrastructural facilities, a large number of dilapidated school buildings and the poorest growth rate. Every aspect of economy coupled with poverty, unemployment, migration of labour, handicapped persons etc., are predominant. The Department of Planning and Programme Implementation must publish a white paper on the district of Saran (Chhapra) and prepare a comprehensive plan for integrated growth and investment activities.

**(xxxiii) Need to provide Stoppage of Purshottam Express at Anugrah Narayan Road (Bihar)**

*[Translation]*

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (Aurangabad) : Sir, Aurangabad district area falls in between Gaya and Dehari-On-Sone station under the Eastern Railways. The distance between Gaya and Dihari-On-Son is 120 Kms. No express or long distance mail trains halts at any of the stations situated in Aurangabad district area, while just 18 kms away at Dehari-On-Sone station and at Sasaram station in the same district all the mail and express trains have stoppages.

The Indian Railways is not operated only on the commercial angle but it does consider the poverty, backwardness and public interest as well. The Aurangabad district is a very backward district. It is amply evident from the fact that, whenever I call the name of my district, I have to call the name of Bihar simultaneously, otherwise it is generally mistaken for Aurangabad of Maharashtra Therefore, Aurangabad needs to be linked with rail line and there is a need to provide stoppages of main and Express Trains at Anugrah Narayan Road and Rafiganj.

Therefore, I request the Government to provide stoppage for Purshottam Express at Anugrah Narayan road.

**(xxxiv) Need to declare Sardar Sarovar Project as a National Project**

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the construction work of Sardar Sarovar project in Gujarat is in the advance stage. Rajasthan has got 5 lakh cubic ft. water under the Narmada water dispute tribunal award. That water would be made available for

drinking and irrigation facilities in Jalore and Barmer districts in the deserts of Rajasthan.

I demand that. Sardar Sarovar Project be declared as the national project in order to provide drinking water and irrigation facilities in the deserts of Rajasthan.

**(xxxv) Need to ensure balanced growth of various regions in the country**

*[English]*

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, it is a matter of concern that regional imbalance is growing fast in the country thereby the noble purpose of growth with social justice underlying our planning exercise is defeated to some extent. As a result, serious discontentment and even frustration engulf the common man in backward areas and also weaker sections threatening the fabric of our society and national integrity.

It is, therefore, of paramount importance that this problem is properly addressed with all sincerity and seriousness so that balanced development of various regions and prosperity of weaker sections are ensured.

**(xxxvi) Need to enforce Hill Service Cadre 1992 in Uttar Pradesh**

*[Translation]*

SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' (Almora) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Uttar Pradesh Government on 25th November, 1992 implemented a Hill Service Cadre 1992 in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh for the purpose of appointments, promotions etc. in 31 departments. But the Government has not taken any action for the implementation of this Service Cadre. Thousands of posts are lying vacant in U.P. and thousands of youths are still jobless due to non-implementation of this cadre.

As large number of posts are lying vacant, this has affected the development process as also seniority and promotion of thousands of employees. Various employees' organisations are agitating to press the demands for the implementation of this cadre.

The resentment is increasing due to non-implementation of this cadre fully despite the assurance given by the Finance Minister in the last session.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to issue strict directives to the Uttar Pradesh Government to implement this cadre immediately.

**19.00 hrs.**

**(xxxvii) Need to fill up the Post of Member (Power) in Bhakra and Beas Management Board from the State of Punjab**

*[English]*

SHRI MAJOR SINGH UBOKE (Tarantaran) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Bhakra and Beas Project is the mainstay of economy of the Punjab as well as Haryana and Rajasthan. The management operations and maintenance of the Bhakra Beas Management Board are entrusted to three whole-time members, namely. Chairman, Member (Power) and Member (Irrigation). Out of three whole time members of BBMB, two posts were vacant and only the Chairman remained. The Chairman of the BBMB was to retire on 28 February, 1997 but he is being retained on the pretext that the other two members were not there. Now that the post of Member (Irrigation) has been filled up since 10 April, 1997, the post of Member (Power) is still vacant. The post of Member (Power) has been always with an engineer of the PSEB due to the fact that Punjab was the biggest partner of the BBMB. There has been a number of representations to the Ministry of Power from the PSEB engineers appealing it to adhere to the practice of retaining the post of Member (Power) for the Punjab engineers and make the appointment without loss of time so as to tone up the administration of the BBMB. There have been doubts that the post of Member (Power) may not be given to Punjab.

I therefore, urge upon the Ministry of Power not to break the convention of giving this post to the Punjab State Electricity Board engineers and make an immediate order to safeguard the interest of Punjab.

*[Translation]*

KUMARI UMA BHARATI (Khajuraho) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not speaking under Rule 377. I rise to beg pardon for the mistake I had committed in the morning. Today morning, I suddenly spoke very loudly during the zero hour. You always protect every Member and give them opportunity to raise their points. We all have high regards for you as well as the chair. However, I am very sorry for shouting in the morning. Therefore, I beg your pardon before the entire House for the mistake I had committed in the morning. I would not have felt free unless I had begged your pardon. That is why, I have risen to speak.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Okay, Thank you.